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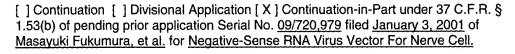
Attorney's Docket: 4001-0003CIP

Prior Application: 09/720,979

Art Unit: 1632

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

SIR: This is a request for filing a



1. []	Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application including the oath or
	Declaration and drawings, if any, as originally filed. I hereby verify that the
	attached papers are a true copy of prior application Serial No.
	as originally filed on (date).

- 2. [] Cancel Claims _____. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
- 3. [] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 4. [X] The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended at 2 and 3 above.

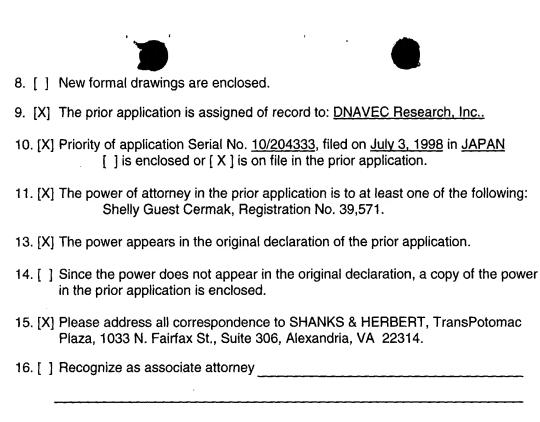
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- 6. [] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, or credit any overpayment during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. ________.
- 7. [X] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line, the sentence:

 --This is a [X] continuation-in-part [] division of application Serial No. 09/720,979, filed January 3, 2001.--

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[X] Also enclosed is Submission of Sequence Listing

PETITION FOR EXTENSION. If any extension of time is necessary for the filing of this application, including any extension in the parent application and this application, and such extension has not otherwise been requested, such an extension is hereby requested, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge necessary fees for such an extension to our Deposit Account No. 50-0622. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for use in charging the deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

SHANKS & HERBERT

Reg. No.: 39,571

4-30-01 Date:

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